

Early Education - April 2025 Newsletter

Featured staff of the month

Our featured staff for the month of April is Mariah! Miss Mariah has been part of the early education team for almost 3 years now. Mariah leads the toddler classroom and is currently also taking classes outside of work hours to focus on a career in business administration. Mariah also has two children of her own at home, a son Henry and a daughter Evie. The toddlers in her classroom are always treated as her own children as well! Mariah has been a wonderful teacher on our team and is great at building strong relationships with children, families, and coworkers alike. Thank you for all that you do at BCLC Mariah, we appreciate you!



April Birthdays

- Arthur 4/2**
- Charlotte 4/5**
- Aurora 4/13**
- Liam 4/18**
- Mack 4/18**



School Announcements

- We are a nature-based learning center and will utilize our natural playground each day in all types of weather. Please send your child with an extra change of warm clothes (**please label**), rainboots, rain jackets, snowsuits/jackets and snow boots for the winter months, and closed-toed shoes to keep at school. Also, please watch for any symptoms during the cold & flu season.
- Please call the front desk (978) 927-1269 prior to 9am (Early Education) 10am (School Age) if your child will not be attending BCLC. This avoids confusion at pickup and gives us an accurate number of children for meal times.

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Important Dates and Upcoming Events

- ⇒ CLOSED April 21, 2025 - Patriot's Day
- ⇒ April 27, 2025 10:00am - 2pm Touch a Truck, Autism Awareness & Acceptance Event, Endicott College, Parking Lot 14, 376 Hale Street, Beverly, MA
- ⇒ Adult clothing donations being accepted through the end of April for our community family closet event in May.



The poster features the Autism Awareness & Acceptance Month logo at the top left. The main title is "Touch-A-Truck Autism Awareness & Acceptance Event" in large, bold letters. Below the title, it says "Join Endicott College Public Safety & Police Department and the Beverly Police Department for a sensory-friendly touch-a-truck event." The event is scheduled for "Sunday, April 27 | 10 a.m.-2 p.m." at "Parking Lot 14, Endicott College, 376 Hale Street, Beverly, MA 01915". At the bottom, there are illustrations of a police car, a cement truck, a fire truck, and a dump truck, along with the Beverly Police Department logo.



The logo for the Community Family Closet features a green t-shirt with three red hearts on it, positioned to the left of the text "Community Family Closet" in a playful, rounded font.

BCLC is starting a new project to help assist both parents and staff members with gently used clothing. To make this possible, we are asking if anyone has any adult clothing which they want to donate. We will accept donations through the end of April. Please drop off to Karen at the front desk! We will follow up with an announcement for our Community Family Closet to be held in May. Please see LyCha with any questions. Thank you for your support.



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Moved or changed phone numbers? Please be sure to let us know.

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The BCLC Educators and Staff are dedicated to the safety and wellbeing of all the children in our program. Please take a moment to get to know who we are and what we do here at BCLC. We would be happy to meet with you at any time.

Please take a minute to review your children's information in Brightwheel. Phone numbers, addresses, and pick-up authorizations should be current.

A message from the interim Director of Early Education Program

Dear Families,

I hope you all have had a wonderful start to spring! We will be working on planting various flowers, fruits and vegetables, and will monitor their growth process. We will be hosting our annual **Art Show** next month on May 29th from 6:00pm-7:30pm. Dinner will be provided, so be sure to sign up when the invite is sent to your email! All classrooms will be participating, so I hope you can make it! Also, watch for our Spring T-Shirt fundraiser, which will be out in the upcoming weeks. All the proceeds from these orders will go towards our summer activities and classroom wish list items. Please continue to be mindful of the weather and make sure your child is wearing proper attire each day. Each child should always have an extra set of clothing in their cubbies. Please let me know if you need any assistance in getting your child any clothing items they may need. Thank you for being a part of our BCLC community!

Lisa



Pre1 This month in preschool one, we will be learning all about recycling, gardening, and earth day! We will start by focusing on spring changes in our environment. We are also very excited to learn about recycling and how we can reuse materials. We will be using these recycled materials in different projects this month. Each day when we play outside, we are going to learn about how we can keep our earth clean and healthy. We will practice picking up litter to help the earth stay clean. We also are going to be singing all types of songs that surround our spring curriculum. Some of the songs we will be singing are, "The Ants Go Marching", and "Flowers" by the Kiboomers. For social emotional learning, we are going to read books together. Some of these books include, *We are growing* by Laurie Keller, *Don't Throw that Away* by Little Green Books, and *We are all Connected* by Gabi Garcia. We are going to continue to use recyclable materials for our expressive arts to tie into our recycling curriculum. With the improved weather we are going to be taking nature walks in our wetlands and observing new growth that comes with spring. Please remember to label all your child's clothes and shoes that come into the classroom. We are so excited to hop into spring! Miss Bella & Miss Willy

Pre2 This month in preschool 2 we will be focusing on gardening! We will use our gardening as a sensory experience as well. The kids will be hands on with the dirt and mud and able to explore the soil for any fun bugs such as worms or rolie pollie bugs! For music and movement, we will be playing songs about springtime gardening while also having plenty of dance parties to get our wiggles out. For our social emotional learning we are going to talk about the changes that happen outside when springtime comes and how spring makes us feel. We are also going to be talking about "sharing is caring" and how we can make more efforts to share with our friends. For expressive arts this month we will be using plants we will find outside around us to paint with. We are excited for a wonderful spring in preschool 2 and can't wait to get outside more and experience it. Mr. Josh and Miss Yani



PreK During the month of April, Pre/K children will explore the theme of "life in a pond." We will focus on learning about all the different lives in ponds such as insects, fish, birds, amphibians and mammals that create the ecosystem of the ponds. For music this month children will learn the song "Down by The Pond" with D. Campbell and "Five Little Frogs" by Raffi. This month in science we will be exploring the life cycle of frogs and birds. We will observe the small pond area in the wetlands and will also be looking at what is inside of an egg. For art this month, children will create bird nests, paint frogs, and collage birds with different recycled materials. Some of the books we will be reading together are *In the Small Pond* by Deniise Flemming, and *Life in The Pond* by Craig Hemmingsworth. We are looking forward to the warmer weather and are happy to welcome spring! Miss Irena and Miss Michelle



Infant April Showers Bring May Flowers! After a snowy Winter, we are now entering a flowery Spring hopefully filled with sunshine and rainbows. April is Earth Month and is celebrated worldwide. We will be exploring just how abundant and beautiful our Earth can be, and how we can take care of it for the enjoyment of many generations to come. Thank you again to all the Infant Room families for welcoming Miss Hilary and me, Isa. This will mark our first month as the Infant Room team, and we are so excited for many more to come! Isa & Miss Hilary

Infant/Toddler This month in the Infant Toddler classroom, we will be focusing our curriculum on gardening. We are going to be watching blooming flowers, playing in the rain, and looking for all kinds of bugs in the dirt! We are going to also be singing and listening to music filled with spring themes such as the "Farmer Plants the Seeds" by the Kiboomers, and "Butterfly Lady Bug Bumble". Along with music, we will be reading stories surrounding springtime curriculum such as *The Hungry Caterpillar* and *Planting a Rainbow*. We will be exploring painting with flowers and other nature items. We are going to be using dirt in our sensory bins and exploring different textures like sand and mud. We are going to be creating our own plans using our own small plant pots and digging the dirt from our playground. We are excited about springtime! Miss Shauna and Miss Naya



Toddler April is a month of awareness, health, and wellness. It is also the start of our gardening season! This month for our music and movement, we will be continuing "see it, say it, sign it" with the alphabet and learning phonemic awareness through the sounds of the letters. We also will be singing songs about differences and boundaries. These songs will coincide with our social emotional learning we do each day, as well. For our expressive arts this month we will be using all natural materials to paint and create. We also will be using our sensory bins to plant grass while exploring the soil and digging. The toddler class will be getting outside a lot more with the warmer weather approaching. Please remember to pack an extra set of clothes for your child and label all their belongings. Miss Mariah and Miss Mae

Toddler/Pre This month in Toddler Preschool, we will be welcoming spring! We are going to focus our curriculum on springtime, new beginnings, and nature. We are going to be getting outside as much as possible all while discovering how nature is changing around us as we settle into spring. We are going to incorporate some spring themed yoga, singing the "Good Morning" song each day, and listening to the "Sharing Song" by Jack Johnson. We are going to introduce another friend, Curious George, to our morning meeting to help us learn all our social emotional skills! We are going to be finding new ways to use nature as an art medium for our daily activities. We are going to be using our sensory table and trays with rice, mud, water, flour, and other natural materials. With the warmer weather approaching we also are going to be spending as much time as possible outdoors exploring our schools' wetlands and using our outdoor classroom. We look forward to a fun filled springtime! Miss Gia & Miss Jael

